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SUBJ: COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT LAMIZANA

1. I ACCOMPANIED AF/W DIRECTOR SMITH ON COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT LAMIZANA MORNING DECEMBER 10. PRESIDENT TOOK THIS OCCASION TO RENEW HIS PLEA FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND UPPER VOLTA. HE REPEATED MANY OF THE ARGUMENTS WHICH HE HAD MADE DURING OUR CONVERSATION NOVEMBER 16 (OUAGA 3668). HE REFERRED AGAIN TO THE "MASSIVE" SHIPMENT OF SOVIET ARMS TO A "NEIGHBORING" COUNTRY AND STATED THAT UPPER VOLTA COULD NOT REMAIN DEFENSELESS IN THE FACE OF SUCH ACTIVITIES. HE SAID UPPER VOLTA HAD TURNED TO THE U.S. FOR ASSISTANCE IN MAINTAINING A CREDIBLE DEFENSIVE POSITION AGAINST THE SOVIET THREAT BECAUSE " WE KNOW WHO OUR ENEMIES ARE AND WE BELIEVE WE KNOW WHO OUR FRIENDS ARE." ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THE PRESIDENT REPEATED " YOU MUST HELP US."

2. REST OF CONVERSATION WAS LARGELY DEVOTED TO PREPARATION FOR MAJOR DAKOURE'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES (REPORTED SEPARATELY).

3. COMMENT: IT WAS UNUSUAL FOR PRESIDENT TO TAKE TIME OUT TO RECEIVE US IN MIDDLE OF BUSY SCHEDULE OF
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NATIONAL DAY ACTIVITIES. HE OBVIOUSLY WAS ANXIOUS

TO MEET SMITH AND CONVEY TO HIM THE SAME MESSAGE HE
HAD GIVEN ME ON NOVEMBER 16.
GRAHAM

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